

REMARKS

Affirmation of the Election of Group IV

Claims 1-19, 30-34, and 39-40 were pending in the present application after election of Group IV (Claims 11-19, 30-34, and 39-40) via telephone conference with Examiner James R. Brittain on December 6, 2002. After entry of the present amendment, Claims 11-19, 30-34, and 39-40 would be pending; and Claims 1-10, 20-29, and 35-38 would be cancelled, without prejudice to filing divisional or continuation applications.

The Rejection of Claims 39-40

By the present amendment, Claims 39 and 40 have been amended. Claim 39 has been amended to correctly identify a claim element as a "strap" rather than a "slot." Claim 40 has been amended to correctly identify the dependency of the claim 40 from the "method" of Claim 39. It is believed that the present claim amendments will place these claims in condition for allowance.

Notice of Allowance Requested

Claims 11-19 and 30-34 were allowed by the Office Action. By the present amendment, Claims 39-40 have been corrected and should also be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 11-19, 30-34, and 39-40 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application and claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. An immediate Notice of Allowance for the application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment and response, please contact the undersigned Attorney for the Assignee at 404-815-6048.

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